

Applicant requests the following Amendments be entered:

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A rear sling fitting for a firearm comprising a fitting body, with ~~obverse~~ first and ~~reverse~~ second planar sides, ~~having said main body further comprising:~~
 - a. a main aperture, having a center within an interior;
 - b. a projection, extending from the first planar side in a manner perpendicular to a plane defined by the first planar side and likewise having a center[-] radially displaced from said main aperture ~~and defining the obverse of the sling fitting~~, the centers of the main aperture and the projection defining a radius;
 - c. at least two connection apertures for attachment of a sling system to the weapon, the connection apertures are being of at least two different shapes ~~so as to accommodate different types of slings~~

wherein the fitting body is installed on the firearm, over a buffer tube and between a stock and a receiver of said firearm and the projection communicates registration with the firearm
~~main aperture is for mounting the fitting upon and the projection is for communicating registration with the firearm.~~
2. (Currently Amended) The sling fitting of claim 1, further comprising a depression, opposite the projection on the ~~reverse~~ second planar side of the sling fitting.
3. (Original Claim) The sling fitting of claim 2, further comprising a nub, within the interior of the main aperture along the radius.

4. (Original Claim) The sling fitting of claim 3, the connection apertures being on a same side of the radius.
5. (Currently Amended) The sling fitting of claim 3, the connection apertures being organized into at least two aperture pairs, each pair being comprised of two members, with each members of each pair being on opposite sides of the radius.
6. (Currently Amended) The sling fitting of claim 5, the members of each ~~pairs' apertures~~ aperture pair being identically selected from the group of aperture ~~types~~ shapes consisting of: ~~apertures for point slings, apertures for threaded slings, wherein a point sling aperture defines a center and at least one pair of each type being selected~~ circles, ovals, polygons, and oblong slots with rounded ends.
7. (Currently Amended) The sling fitting of claim 6, ~~wherein any threaded sling connection apertures are positioned between the main aperture and any point sling apertures, which are radially spaced from the main aperture. further comprising two aperture pairs, an inner pair with its members proximate the main aperture and an outer pair, the inner pair being elongated compared to the outer pair.~~
8. (Currently Amended) The sling fitting of claim 7, wherein a line drawn from the center of the projection to a center of each ~~either~~ member of ~~at least one pair of point sling apertures~~ the outer pair forms an displacement angle between 70° and 110° with the radius.
9. (Currently Amended) The sling fitting of claim 8, ~~wherein a line drawn from the center of the projection to a center of each member of at least one pair of point sling apertures forms a right angle with the radius. the displacement angle being a right angle.~~

10. (Currently Amended) The sling fitting of claim 4, the apertures being selected from the group of aperture types shapes consisting of: apertures for point slings, apertures for threaded slings, wherein a point sling aperture defines a center and at least one pair of each type being selected circles, ovals, polygons, and oblong slots with rounded ends.
11. (Currently Amended) The sling fitting of claim 10, ~~wherein any threaded sling connection apertures are positioned between the main aperture and any point sling apertures, which are radially spaced from the main aperture.~~ further comprising an inner aperture proximate the main aperture and an outer aperture, the inner aperture being elongated compared to the outer aperture.
12. (Currently Amended) The sling fitting of claim 11, wherein a line drawn from the center of the projection to ~~a center of at least one point sling~~ a center of the outer aperture forms an a displacement angle between 70° and 110° with the radius.
13. (Currently Amended) The sling fitting of claim 12, ~~wherein a line drawn from the center of the projection to a center of each member of at least one pair of point sling apertures forms the displacement angle being a right angle with the radius.~~
14. (Currently Amended) The sling fitting of claim 3, ~~wherein at least one aperture is a threaded sling aperture and at least one other is a point sling aperture radially spaced from the main aperture and defining a center~~ the apertures' shapes being chosen from the set of aperture shapes consisting of: circles, ovals, polygons, and oblong slots with rounded ends, in such a manner that at least two different shapes are chosen.
15. (Currently Amended) The sling fitting of claim 14, wherein a line drawn from the center of the projection to ~~a center of at least one point sling~~ a center of at least one aperture forms an a displacement angle between 70° and 110° with the radius.

16. (Currently Amended) The sling fitting of claim 15, ~~wherein a line drawn from the center of the projection to a center of each member of at least one pair of point sling apertures forms the displacement angle being a right angle with the radius.~~
17. (Original Claim) The sling fitting of claim 2, the connection apertures being on a same side of the radius.
18. (Currently Amended) The sling fitting of claim 2, the connection apertures being organized into at least two aperture pairs, each with two members, ~~with each members of each aperture pair~~ being on opposite sides of the radius.
19. (Currently Amended) The sling fitting of claim 18, the members of each ~~pairs' apertures~~ aperture pair being identically selected from the group of aperture ~~types~~ shapes consisting of: ~~apertures for point slings, apertures for threaded slings, wherein a point sling aperture defines a center and at least one pair of each type being selected~~ circles, ovals, polygons, and oblong slots with rounded ends.
20. (Currently Amended) The sling fitting of claim 19, ~~wherein any threaded sling connection apertures are positioned between the main aperture and any point sling apertures, which are radially spaced from the main aperture. further comprising two aperture pairs, an inner pair with its members proximate the main aperture and an outer pair, the inner pair being elongated compared to the outer pair.~~
21. (Currently Amended) The sling fitting of claim 20, wherein a line drawn from the center of the projection to a center of each either member of ~~at least one pair of point sling apertures~~ the outer pair forms an displacement angle between 70° and 110° with the radius.

22. (Currently Amended) The sling fitting of claim 21, ~~wherein a line drawn from the center of the projection to a center of each member of at least one pair of point sling apertures forms a right angle with the radius.~~ the displacement angle being a right angle.
23. (Currently Amended) The sling fitting of claim 17, ~~the apertures being selected from the group of aperture types~~ shapes ~~consisting of: apertures for point slings, apertures for threaded slings, wherein a point sling aperture defines a center and at least one pair of each type being selected~~ circles, ovals, polygons, and oblong slots with rounded ends.
24. (Currently Amended) The sling fitting of claim 23, ~~wherein any threaded sling connection apertures are positioned between the main aperture and any point sling apertures, which are radially spaced from the main aperture.~~ further comprising an inner aperture proximate the main aperture and an outer aperture, the inner aperture being elongated compared to the outer aperture.
25. (Currently Amended) The sling fitting of claim 24, wherein a line drawn from the center of the projection to ~~a center of at least one point sling~~ a center of the outer aperture forms an a displacement angle between 70° and 110° with the radius.
26. (Currently Amended) The sling fitting of claim 25, ~~wherein a line drawn from the center of the projection to a center of each member of at least one pair of point sling apertures forms the displacement angle being a right angle with the radius.~~
27. (Currently Amended) The sling fitting of claim 2, ~~wherein at least one aperture is a threaded sling aperture and at least one other is a point sling aperture radially spaced from the main aperture and defining a center~~ the apertures' shapes being chosen from the set of aperture shapes consisting of: circles, ovals, polygons, and oblong slots with rounded ends, in such a manner that at least two different shapes are chosen.

28. (Currently Amended) The sling fitting of claim 27, wherein a line drawn from the center of the projection to ~~a center of at least one point sling~~ a center of at least one aperture forms an a displacement angle between 70° and 110° with the radius.
29. (Currently Amended) The sling fitting of claim 28, ~~wherein a line drawn from the center of the projection to a center of each member of at least one pair of point sling apertures forms the displacement angle being a right angle with the radius.~~
30. (Original Claim) The sling fitting of claim 1, the connection apertures being on a same side of the radius.
31. (Currently Amended) The sling fitting of claim 1, the connection apertures being organized into at least two aperture pairs, each with two members, ~~with each members of each aperture pair~~ being on opposite sides of the radius.
32. (Currently Amended) The sling fitting of claim 31, the members of each ~~pairs' apertures~~ aperture pair being identically selected from the group of aperture ~~types~~ shapes consisting of: ~~apertures for point slings, apertures for threaded slings, wherein a point sling aperture defines a center and at least one pair of each type being selected~~ circles, ovals, polygons, and oblong slots with rounded ends.
33. (Currently Amended) The sling fitting of claim 32, ~~wherein any threaded sling connection apertures are positioned between the main aperture and any point sling apertures, which are radially spaced from the main aperture.~~ further comprising two aperture pairs, an inner pair with its members proximate the main aperture and an outer pair, the inner pair being elongated compared to the outer pair.

34. (Currently Amended) The sling fitting of claim 33, wherein a line drawn from the center of the projection to a center of each either member of at least one pair of point sling apertures the outer pair forms an displacement angle between 70° and 110° with the radius.
35. (Currently Amended) The sling fitting of claim 34, ~~wherein a line drawn from the center of the projection to a center of each member of at least one pair of point sling apertures forms a right angle with the radius.~~ the displacement angle being a right angle.
36. (Currently Amended) The sling fitting of claim 30, the apertures being selected from the group of aperture types shapes consisting of: apertures for point slings, apertures for threaded slings, wherein a point sling aperture defines a center and at least one pair of each type being selected circles, ovals, polygons, and oblong slots with rounded ends.
37. (Currently Amended) The sling fitting of claim 36, ~~wherein any threaded sling connection apertures are positioned between the main aperture and any point sling apertures, which are radially spaced from the main aperture.~~ further comprising an inner aperture proximate the main aperture and an outer aperture, the inner aperture being elongated compared to the outer aperture.
38. (Currently Amended) The sling fitting of claim 37, wherein a line drawn from the center of the projection to ~~a center of at least one point sling~~ a center of the outer aperture forms an a displacement angle between 70° and 110° with the radius.
39. (Currently Amended) The sling fitting of claim 38, ~~wherein a line drawn from the center of the projection to a center of each member of at least one pair of point sling apertures forms the displacement angle being a right angle with the radius.~~
40. (Currently Amended) The sling fitting of claim 1, ~~wherein at least one aperture is a threaded sling aperture and at least one other is a point sling aperture radially spaced from the main aperture.~~

and defining a center the apertures' shapes being chosen from the set of aperture shapes consisting of: circles, ovals, polygons, and oblong slots with rounded ends, in such a manner that at least two different shapes are chosen.

41. (Currently Amended) The sling fitting of claim 40, wherein a line drawn from the center of the projection to ~~a center of at least one point sling~~ a center of at least one aperture forms an a displacement angle between 70° and 110° with the radius.
42. (Currently Amended) The sling fitting of claim 41, ~~wherein a line drawn from the center of the projection to a center of each member of at least one pair of point sling apertures forms the~~ displacement angle being a right angle with the radius.